

Most rivers of the north has passed over hundreds of miles of Minnesota prairie, watered by countless creeks and lakes. Little is proportion of what is yet taken up, those thousands of acres are annually added cultivation and the production of wheat is exceeded nowhere. As year after year Russia falls behind in the race, the United States will occupy the commerce that has long been hers; this will give us entrance to all the European ports; and where grain goes our manufactures will follow where we have so corrected our tariff as to encourage foreign trade and American shipping.

take concerning an abusive letter of Colonel Cash's," which had been addressed to him and had been sent also to the press and published. He replied: "Colonel Cash's letter to me abhors to be a lascivious or blackguard, and, of course, I cannot notice him in either capacity. I have done him no harm, and if I had injured him, it is usual among gentlemen to take the first step to ask for explanation; indeed, as this he has chosen to write me a letter, I will mail which does him more harm than it does me." He welcomed the man who said he may acquire from this vulgar and coarse exhibition of a hard and malicious heart. I am glad he noticed anything he may say." The

**Explosion of a Threshing Engine.**  
ST. PAUL, August 9.—A special fire  
Lakeland, Minnesota, says: "The engine  
a threshing-machine owned by  
M'Can, near this place, exploded its boiler  
this evening, killing the foreman and  
wounding six or seven others, seriously."

The postal business took a big jump in the first six months of the fiscal year, according to figures furnished by the post office department. The figures are as follows: Papers to subscribers and news agents, 175,424; magazines to subscribers and agents, 33,472,746; books, circulars and miscellaneous printed matter, 300,945,490; tidies of merchandise, 22,834,456. (A total, 2,315,183,124). This matter all is dated in this country.

**Effects of the Heat in New York**  
New York, August 10.—Six deaths the effects of the heat were reported today and two others are expected.

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